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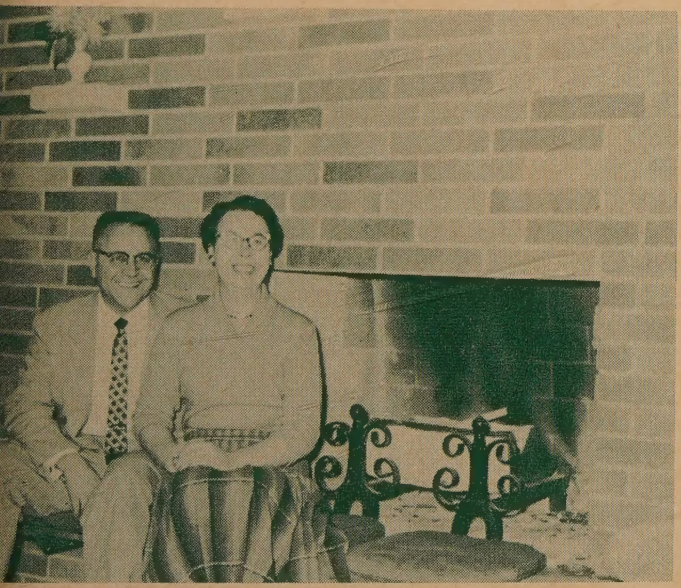

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WHAT ARE YOU GETTING FOR CHRISTMAS?

Archie H. Hook

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What are you getting for Christmas? Is this just a question children are asking each other? We would probably agree that many adults also have this query in their minds. Seriously, what ARE you getting for Christmas?

"For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior, who is Christ, the Lord."

"God so loved the world that He gave His only Son."

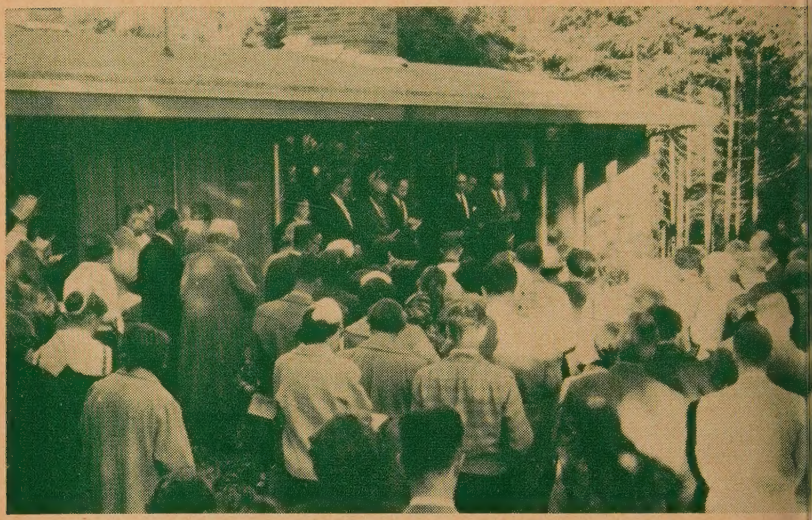
This is God's gift to mankind—our gift at Christmas—a Savior, who is Christ, the Lord.

We are preparing for Christmas—preparing to give and to receive. We are full of expectant joy in our plans for this happy season. Let us be sure that we are preparing to give good gifts, for what you get for Christmas depends on what you give and the spirit in which your gifts are given. To be real, each gift must cost us more than the money we spend. We need to give loving thought as we make our selections and make them personal. The very wrapping may indicate the genuineness of the gift.

Many of us take pleasure in reading to our children that popular Christmas story, "The Littlest Angel," which is a simple, obvious parable. It concerns the urchin who brings his gifts to the manger after the gifts of the wise and the wealthy have been received. But no other gift pleased God as his did, for he had brought his real treasures: A butterfly with golden wings, which he had caught on a high hill during the summer; a bright blue bird's egg from a nest in the olive tree by the kitchen door at home; two white stones, beautifully polished by constant handling, which he had found while playing on a river bank and a chewed-up collar of a certain mongrel dog that the urchin had thought was very special. This is a lovely legend, applicable not only for Christmas but for our every-day living in this world which God has given us. The little boy gave a very personal gift to his Lord. God's gift to us—Jesus—is a very personal gift.

What are you getting for Christmas? It is a costly gift! God's Supreme Gift! May nothing come between us and Christ to rob us of the real meaning of the season, and may we share our gift generously in thought, word and conduct.

"HOME SWEET HOME"



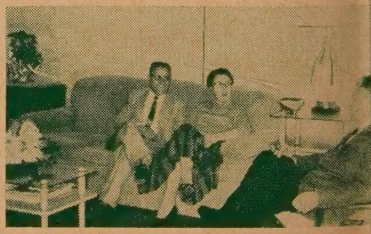
Dedication of New Pilgrim Firs Parsonage

Saturday it rained; by the bucketsfull; the workmen were drenched to the skin seeking to have all in readiness for the Dedication of the new parsonage at Pilgrim Firs. Would the weather give us a break or would it be a dreary October 19th? The morning was foggy at Pilgrim Firs but by 10 o'clock it gave signs of clearing off—by noon the sun was shining—by two in the afternoon it was the most beautiful of all October days. From North and South and East they came; men, women and children; layman and minister alike, to join in the Dedication of the magnificent new Pilgrim Firs parsonage.

Led by Ernest Yarrow, Conference Moderator, the official dedication was held with five of the key laymen responsible for its construction conducting the service: Harold C. Herman, Chairman of all volunteer work recruitment; Werner Dietz, Chairman of Parsonage Construction Committee; Lewis Steensland, construction foreman and supervisor for the parsonage; Winston Hufford, master plumber in charge of all Pilgrim Firs plumbing installation; and Frank Stipek, cabinetmaker and carpenter. These men, and hundreds of others like them, have not only constructed the parsonage with all volunteer labor, but the entire Pilgrim Firs Development. They were joined in the se by Archie H. Hook, Conference S intendent.

Following the official dedicatio 250-300 friends who were pr shared in the official Pilgrim Open House and Reception.

The $18,000 Pilgrim Firs parso cost about $11,000 to construct, th to the volunteer labor. The e construction costs have been r by special gifts, a major part Women's Fellowships. To care some of the last construction about $750 in additional special will be needed. **Special gift cont tions should be sent to the Confer Office, 720 14th Avenue North, Se 2, Washington, and marked "For grim Firs Parsonage."**



In the parsonage living room with sp guest, Dr. Martin Goslin, first chairma Pilgrim Firs Development Committee.

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PILGRIM FIRS

Earnest Lidell
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JUNIOR HIGH
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MID-HIGH
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Philip Eisenhauer
Lake Hills E & R

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JULY 20-27

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1959 CAMP FEES

uth Camps: $18.00 plus $6.00 registration fee

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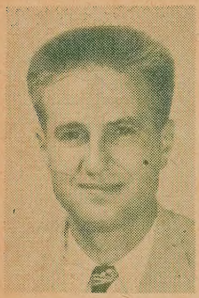

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1959 SUMMER CAMP SCHEDULE

PILGRIM FIRS (Mon. to Mon.)

June 22-29—Junior High Camp
June 29-July 6—Family Camp
July 6-13—Women's Camp
July 13-20—Mid-High (9th & 10th)
July 20-27—Mid-High (9th & 10th)
July 27-Aug. 3—7th & 8th
Aug. 3-10—Mid-High (9th & 10th)
Aug. 10-17—Senior High (11-12)
Aug. 17-24—Representative Camp
Aug. 24-31—Family Camp
Sept. 1-4—College Camp

N-SID-SEN (Sat. to Sat.)

July 11-18—Senior High (10-11
July 18-25—Junior High
July 25-Aug. 1—Freshman
Aug. 1-8—Church School Worke
Aug. 8-15—Family Camp

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SPEAKING OF INITIATIVES . . .

tion Eve:—Your editor at home—telephone rings)

lo, are you the editor of Congregational Way?"

ı write that last issue of Congregational Way?"

"Been reading that article on the Initiative 202. Bet lots of people have writing and calling, all excited for and against it."

"You say they have. That's good! Must mean that your readers really get eamed up about initiatives" . . . "you know, by tomorrow night the whole ıess will be settled and that's the reason I'm calling."

"You see, I figure that since your readers are real interested in initiatives, got something that will really steam them up: Initiative KG No. 20. Want ear about it?"

"Well, it's this way. A couple of years ago some of my friends and I d about the whole idea of KG. We tried to interest lots of people in it, ike many, we've had our ups and downs. You know; some times we think going to take hold, but other times it's pretty much of a failure. Know I mean?"

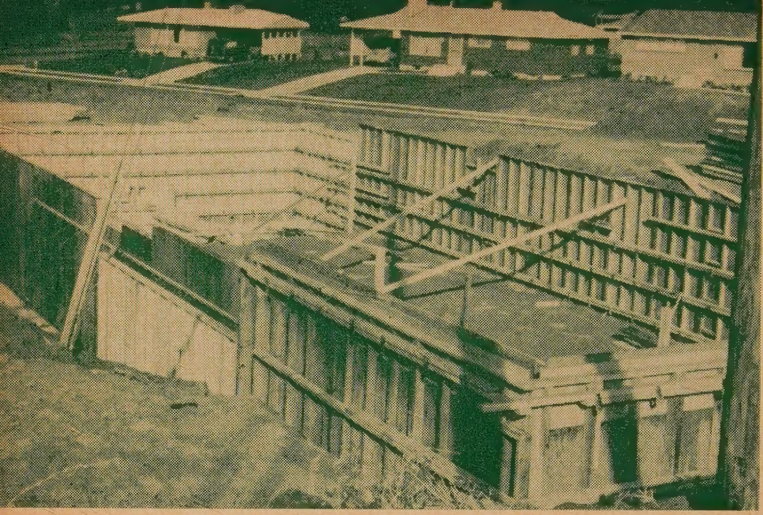
"I got to hearing the way that Congregationalists got all worked up about tives so that's when I decided to call mine Initiative KG No. 20. The purpose of this initiative is to get people taking sides about KG."

"You want to know what KG is, well, our leader tried to help us to see that ay we lived was important. He showed us that Life without being related od's purposes was pretty meaningless. He told us that where our treasure that was where our heart would be also. You know he was a pretty lutionary fellow and men killed him for it. Any chance that your readers d be willing to die for Initiative KG No. 20?"

"You ask what can they do about it. Well, I've been wondering how many em have been talking about the importance of their church in the same as they did that 202 initiative? How many of them have invited people ıeir church with the same fervor as they urged them to vote on 202? many of them really practice their Christian faith through tithing and g their first, not their last, to the building of KG. Oh yes, KG No. 20— dom of God 20th Century."

Who's this calling. My friends call me Pete.

Been good to talk with you. Bye for now."



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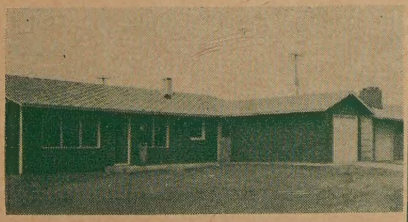

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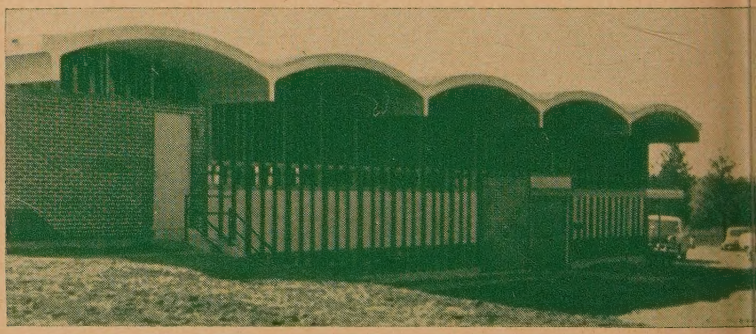

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—Westview in Northwest Spokane.

THE NEED FOR CHURCH EXTENSION IS

NOW

IS YOUR CHURCH DOING ITS *FAIR SHARE?*

(Your Church's FAIR SHARE is an amount equal to the total of your Church's 1954 local expense budget. This amount is payable over a five-year period.)

7—Trinity United Protestant Church—the Church with a message for today in a city where they split atoms for tomorrow —Richland—the atomic city.

6—Moses Lake Parsonage.

URCH EXTENSION

-The Cross of the Eltopia Church rises high above the desert that is blooming.

5—The Mesa Church — a symbol to people who would not be discouraged.

4—Eastgate in the heart of the growing population east of Lake Washing-

AROUND THE CONFERENCE

Kellogg, United

Meet the Groves

The Rev. and Mrs. Everett Groves were thoroughly introduced to the Congregational part of the family when the Kellogg Church was host to the Eastern Washington - Northern Idaho Association Meeting this fall. The Rev. Mr. Groves comes to Kellogg from the Hayes Park Methodist Church in Spokane where he was pastor for the past three years. Mr. Groves previously served the Methodist Church in Dayton and is a graduate of Garrett Theological Seminary. The church parsonage was refurnished before the Groves came to Kellogg. Mr. Groves succeeds Bernard Herrick who came to Seattle, Keystone. The Kellogg Church is a United Church, Methodist and Congregational.

Mesa and Eltopia

Minister Reports:

Our Laymen's Sunday observance was really very fine indeed, with Orrin Seilstad, Don Ratts, and Art Hunter (sermon) taking part in Eltopia, and Hank Cummings, Les Crawford, and Ken Dorman (sermon) in Mesa. By means of a luncheon put on by the Women's Fellowship for a Massey-Harris farm machinery demonstration and a spud sale, the Eltopia Church raised $207.55 in one week for the building fund. Another spud sale is scheduled for this coming weekend. The Mesa Women's Fellowshi putting on their annual Harvest ner tomorrow night with a tu dinner and entertainment. Ge Allen, Minister.

Tonasket

Westwoods 50th Anniversary

The Tonasket Church observed Golden Wedding Anniversary of Rev. and Mrs. F. William Westw on Sunday afternoon, November from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. We know the many Conference friends of Westwoods wish them the very on this glorious occasion.

Spokane Area

Successful Preview Held

The churches of the Spokane A held another very successful Sun afternoon and evening Church Sch Curriculum Preview and Institute fall. Beginning at 3 o'clock in the ternoon and closing shortly afte o'clock—sixty-six teachers and wo ers from 10 churches shared in experience. This Preview is the sec one sponsored by The Spokane A Preacher's Gang. The sponsoring co mittee included Olaf Stoeve, Verada Frank Forrester, Deer Park; a Julia Macon, Hillyard. The next on planned for December.

Walla Walla, Church of Peac

Annual Mission Fest

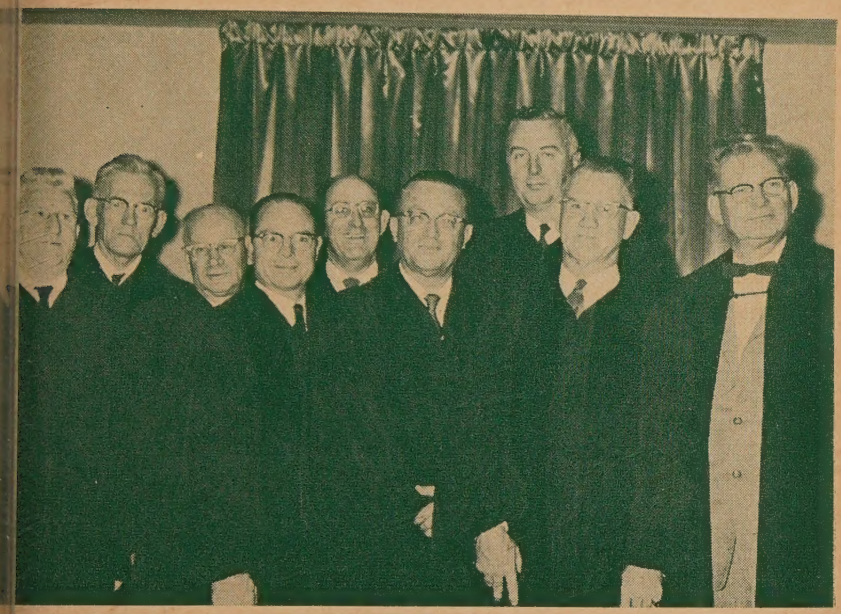
November 2nd was the date of t Annual Mission Fest of The Church Peace (E. & R.) in Walla Walla. Archie H. Hook was the speaker the day. The Mission Fest offeri totaled $1006.00. The Rev. Frederi H. Haag is the minister.

Seattle, Fairmount

Staff Added

Fairmount Church passed anoth Milestone this fall when Mr. Lena Goehner came to the church as pa time Director of Christian Educatio Mr. Goehner's home church is Dryd and he is now a student at Seatt Pacific College.

SPOKANE, WESTVIEW: RECOGNITION HELD



Participants in Homer A. Schwarz Service at Westview

ormal Recognition Services were i for Homer A. Schwarz, Pas- of the Westview Congregational rch of Spokane, Sunday night, Oc- r 26th at 8 p.m. Members of the tern Washington-Northern Idaho ociation led by their Moderator A. n Mott of Veradale, conducted the ices.

he message of the evening was n by Dr. Archie Hook, the Com- nent of the Pastor by Mr. Mott, Prayer of Installation by The Rev. A. Stoeve, the Right Hand of come by The Rev. Jefferson Smith, ociate Moderator, the Charge to Minister by The Rev. James Mont- ery, and the Charge to the Con- gation by Dr. Clement F. Hahn. Rev. Clarence Macon opened the ices with the Call to Worship and ocation, and the Scripture Lesson Pastoral Prayer were given by Rev. Franklin Forrester.

he Pilgrim Fellowship had an ac- part in the service. Paula Tread- accompanied by Margaret Wat- sang a solo, the newly formed lyte service with the new robes, lelabras and candlelighters was conducted by Jim Coolbaugh, P.F. President, and Margaret Davis. After the program, refreshments prepared by the Deaconesses were served by the P.F.ers.

Quincy, United (E & R)

Minister Installed

The Service of Installation for the Reverend Albert Hieb as pastor of the United Church of Quincy, Washington, was held on Sunday evening, October 26th. Mr. Hieb had recently come to this parish from a pastorate in Everett, Washington.

The inspiring sermon was delivered by the Reverend Philip Eisenhauer of the Lake Hills Community Church, on the appropriate text, "I am the vine and you are the branches. The Reverend James Gilliom of Seattle, conducted the impressive service of installation. The service of worship was led by the Reverend Theron A. Zimmerman, Pastor-at-Large, of the Washington Congregational Christian Conference.

The ladies of the host church served refreshments after the service.

Firsts in the Life of a Church

First Charter Members Received at Federal Way

Have you ever been to church when charter members were received? Most of us haven't, but the first such occasion in the life of our new Federal Way Church occurred on Sunday, November 2nd, at the Church's first communion service. The Federal Way Church, less than a month old, received its first 24 members and all of them were by letter of transfer from other Congregational Churches.

To have an entire membership class composed of 24 Congregationalists is indeed unusual, but for this to happen to a new church is undoubtedly some sort of a record. The 19 adults and five young people all came from Congregational Churches. Where do they come from? Let's meet them.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Copeland—
First, Tacoma
Mr. Edward Fath—Park Hill, Denver
Mr. and Mrs. George Justus—
Magnolia, Seattle
Mr. and Mrs. Allen M. Kline and Son
—Wright, Boise
Mr. and Mrs. Olaf Lunstad—
Port Huron, Michigan
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Neal, Son and
Daughter—Richmond Beach
Mr. and Mrs. John Robinson—
First, Tacoma
Mr. and Mrs. Roland Schlueter—
West Seattle
Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Stone and Sons
—First, Tacoma
Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Stone—
First, Tacoma

With the reception of these
members, another new church is
cially on the way. New members
be received the first Sunday of
month by the minister, the Rev.
and F. Schlueter. The Church
Church School are meeting in the
Mirror Lake School. Why not
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a new church at its very beginni

Federal Way is one of the
churches being established by
Conference Church Extension fun

P.F.er shows front page Seattle Times
cle concerning establishment of church
minister, Roland Schlueter.

Association Realignment

:y overwhelming majorities the ıtern Washington-Northern Idaho ıociation and the Yakima Associa- ı voted to realign the Association ndaries for the Eastern part of Conference as suggested by the ıcial Association Boundaries Com- tee. The exact constituency of the new Association groupings will determined by the local churches the Associations. The suggested ndary line churches are Tonasket, nira, Harrington, Ritzville, and ıton. The final realignment will e place at the Association meet- s to be held in Tacoma at the time the Annual Meeting in May.

Church Library Discount

n order to serve better our Con- gational Christian Churches ough active church libraries, the grim Press is increasing its dis- nt on books for church libraries m 10% to 20%. This applies to st books, as it is understood that it ld not apply to short-discount ns.

DOUBLE VISION

n this Advent season, as we make ns for a very rich Christmas ex- ience, let us be concerned lest we sight of the real meaning of istmas. With the birth of Jesus Spirit of God, embodied in the ist Child, found its unique expres- ı on earth.

od saw His children in need of ine guidance, and to meet that d He sent His beloved Son to pro- m the good news of LIFE to the r, to proclaim release to slaves of to open the eyes of those who did see with understanding, to free se who were oppressed by selfish erests. God saw the conditions of ı as they were at that moment, but also had a vision of what might ıe to pass if enough men and men were concerned, as was His ı, with the unfortunate peoples of world.

he price God paid to see that on fulfilled was the gift of His Son us. The price Jesus paid to carry God's designs was the giving of own life. Following in the rich dition of the Wise Men, who pre- ted costly gifts to a little Child, us in this Christmas season see the peoples of the world who need the brotherly support and sympathetic understanding of dedicated Christians. Let us as individuals and as churches seek to place at the feet of Jesus, and at the disposal of our Conference, gifts worthy of a King; that we may help, where help is needed, to establish the Kingdom of God. The vision of the Kingdom as Jesus presented it will move a step nearer reality if enough Christians participate in Our Christian World Mission program.

Money designated for special projects, along with undesignated gifts should all be sent through the Conference Office, 720 14th Avenue North, Seattle 2, Washington. Be sure to mail your gifts in now so they can go to work before Christmas.

ARE YOU?

Are you an active member,
The kind that would be missed,
Or are you just contented
That your name is on the list?
Do you attend the meetings,
And mingle with the flock,
Or do you stay at home,
And criticize and knock?
Do you take an active part
To help the work along?
Or are you satisfied to be
The kind that "just belongs"?
Do you ever visit a member
Who's confined at home or sick?
Or leave the work to just a few
And talk about "The Clique"?
There's quite a program scheduled
That I'm sure you'll hear about,
And we'll appreciate it too,
If you'll come and help us out.
So come to Westminster often
And help with hand and heart;
Don't be just a member
But take an active part.
Think this over, fellow member,
You know "right from wrong"
Are you an ACTIVE MEMBER
Or do you "just belong"?

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